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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON WHITE PAPER ON NARCOTICS

REF: STATE 253482, LIMA 9510, STATE 292160 AND 292161

1. STATE 292161 REPEATING QUITO 9744 ARRIVED JUST AFTER
STATE 292160 COMMENDING IT, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY
TO COMMENT.

2. BASED UPON MY EXPERIENCE HERE AS WELL AS DURING PREVIOUS
ASSIGNMENT TO MEXICO CITY WHERE I HAD DAILY CONTACT WITH DRUG
PROGRAM, I SHARE FULLY EMBASSY QUITO'S ENDORSEMENT OF THE WHITE
PAPER'S EMPHASIS ON A BALANCED ANTI-NARCOTIC EFFORT TO REDUCE
DEMAND AS WELL AS SUPPLY. WHILE I DO NOT BUY THE FREQUENTLY-
USED ARGUTNT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG PROBLEM IS PRIMARILY
A U.S. PROBLEM, AND IN FACT FIND THAT OUR FRIENDS IN PERU AND
ELSEWHERE IN THE HEMISPHERE ARE INCREASINGLY COGNIZANT OF THE
DANGERS THAT DRUG ABUSE POSES FOR THEIR YOUTH AND FUTURE
GENERATIONS, I BELIEVE THAT DEMAND REDUCTION IN THE U.S. THROUGH
PUBLIC EDUCATION, EXPANDED TREATMENT FACILITIES AND INTERDICTION
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IS KEY TO OUR PROBLEM AND HAS AN IMPORTANT IMPACT ON ATTITUDES AND

ACTION PROGRAMS OVERSEAS AS WELL.

3. THIS LEADS TO THE SECOND POINT MADE BY AMBASSADOR BREWSTER THAT WE IN LIMA FULLY SUPPORT, I.E. WE SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY CRITICAL OF EFFORTS OF LESSER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO CONTROL DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFIC. WE MUST CONTINUE TO STIMULATE, GUIDE AND SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS WITH EQUIPMENT, TECHNIQUES, INFORMATION AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS BUT WITHIN THE VERY REAL LIMITATIONS AND IDIOSYNCRASIES POSED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL ENVIRONMENTS WITHIN THESE COUNTRIES. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD BE SELF-DEFEATING.

4. I ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT EMBASSY QUITO'S EMPHASIS ON TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIAL CONCERNS AND APPROACHES OF OUR HOST GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR ANTI-DRUG PROGRAMS. BY SUPPORTING AND REFLECTING THESE CONCERNS IN OUR ACTIONS WE HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF ENGAGING THESE COUNTRIES IN PROGRAMS OF HIGHEST PRIORITY TO OURSELVES. AS EMBASSY QUITO PUT IT SO WELL" . . .WE CANNOT EXPECT OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO BE PREOCCUPIED BY OUR DOMESTIC DRUG PROBLEMS IF WE ARE NOT ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THEIRS. . .".

5. EMBASSY QUITO'S SEARCH FOR GREATER INCENTIVES AND AWARDS TO HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS WHO SUCCESSFULLY CARRY OUT NARCOTICS PROGRAMS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE ALL GIVEN THOUGHT TO. WE ARE ALSO ALL KEENLY AWARE OF THE LIMITATIONS ON ANY PROGRAM TO REWARD INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOR DOING THEIR DUTY. UNTIL WE COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT IS NORMALLY AND POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE, WE MAY HAVE TO BE CONTENT WITH USING THE INFORMATION, TRAVEL, TRAINING, FINANCING AND EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WE MAKE TO FOREIGN NARCOTICS PROGRAMS AS THE MAJOR INCENTIVES AND REWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTIONAL EFFORTS. THESE INGREDIENTS CAN PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS WITH POWERFUL TOOLS TO BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE IN THEIR OPERATIONS. WE CAN HOPE THIS GREATER EFFECTIVENESS WILL IN TURN LEAD TO GREATER PROFESSIONAL SATISFACTION AND RECOGNITION WITHIN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

6. WE ALSO ENDORSE EMBASSY QUITO'S RECOMMENDATION THAT DETAILS OF ALL ARRESTS IN THE U.S. OF NATIONALS FROM OUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES BE TRANSMITTED TO US.

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7. FINALLY, YOU WILL HAVE NOTICED A COINCIDENCE BETWEEN AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S SUGGESTION THAT WE ENLIST "THE VOICE OF NATIONS OTHER THAN OUR OWN" AND MY SPECIFIC SUGGESTION (LIMA 9510 COMMENTING ON THE WHITE PAPER IN RESPONSE TO STATE 253482) FOR A U.S. INITIATIVE TO SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF CANADA, THE MOST-AFFECTED WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR IN PRESSING PERU AND BOLIVIA TO TAKE FURTHER MEASURES TO CURB COCA PRODUCTION.

I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT SUGGESTION.

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